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Mr T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"The Government say that no instruction was issued, but how is it that simulteneously in several districts similar action was taken by the Police ?"

The hon. the President :—"That does not arise as a supplementary question."

Floods

Alleged obstruction of the flow of water in Thandava river by the anicuts constructed by the Godey estate.

* 1711 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the high flood in Tuni is mostly due to the obstruction of the flow of water through the bridge on the Thandava river on account of the two anicuts constructed by the Godey estate ;

(b) whether one of the anicuts was constructed within a distance of four furlongs from the bridge ; and whether the second was constructed within a year at a distance of one furlong from the bridge ;

(c) whether the said anicuts were constructed with a view to secure supply to an irrigation channel by the Godey estate ;

(d) whether the construction of the anicuts resulted in the accumulation of sand near the bridge and consequent heading up of water ; and

(e) what steps the Government propose to take with a view to improve the conditions ?

A.—(a) No. The floods were the direct result of abnormal rain in the Agency.

(b) One of the anicuts was constructed within a distance of four furlongs from the bridge, about ten years ago, and the second in 1927 at a distance of one furlong from the bridge.

(c) The anicuts were constructed with a view to supply water to two irrigation channels. The one nearer to the bridge irrigates seven villages in Vizagapatam district (Godey estate) and two in East Godavari district (Tuni estate). The second channel irrigates nine villages of the Vizagapatam district.

(d) The anicut immediately below the bridge has raised the rear flood level to a slight extent. The effect of the other is inappreciable.

(e) The Government have referred to the Chief Engineer the question whether any action can be taken to prevent or minimize the effects of floods in the river.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"With regard to the answer to clause (e) of the question, may I know if the Chief Engineer has submitted his report and, if so, whether it would be placed on the table of this House ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"His report has not been submitted to Government."